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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

European University Institute, Department of Law, Florence, Italy

PhD Researcher

2026–

Dissertation: “Sexual Deepfakes and Woman’s Consent” (supervisor: Prof. Silvia Suteu)

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, United States

Adjunct Professor (Lecturer)

2023–2024

Graduate-level Law Seminar on Women, Gender, and Human Rights

EDUCATION

European University Institute

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Comparative, European, and International Laws (ungraded)

2026

DePaul University, Chicago, United States

Juris Doctor (advanced law degree), *cum laude*

2022

Bachelor of Arts in Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies, *summa cum laude*

2018

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Office of the State Appellate Defender, Chicago

2025

Assistant Appellate Public Defender

Provided criminal appellate representation to indigent clients in the Illinois Appellate Court and Illinois Supreme Court by reading trial records, conducting research, and submitting motions and briefs.

American Bar Association Center for Human Rights, Remote, Poland

Sep 2024–Jan 2025

Legal Consultant

Supported human rights defenders and media actors in Eastern Europe and Central Asia through technical assistance and desk research on the rule of law and freedom of expression in digital spaces.

Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law 2022–2024

Michael and Mary Schuette Clinical Fellow in Health and Human Rights

Represented at-risk human rights defenders, journalists, and vulnerable persons by engaging in public advocacy campaigns and authoring submissions to domestic appellate and constitutional courts, as well as United Nations treaty bodies and Special Procedures. Counseled civil society organizations, supervised law students in their clinical work, engaged in international fieldwork to conduct community-based needs assessments, and designed human rights interventions focused on the right to health in Kenya and Mauritania. Assisted Prof. Juliet Sorensen as an assistant lecturer for the course on Health and Human Rights and independently taught two course modules, including on conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in Bosnia and Ukraine.

Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center, Chicago, *Prison Conditions Litigation Intern*, 2021

Illinois Prison Project, Chicago, *Post-Conviction Law Clerk*, 2021

CAIR-Chicago, Chicago, *Civil Rights Litigation Law Clerk*, 2020

Beyond Legal Aid, Chicago, *Removal Defense & Asylum Legal Intern*, 2020

National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, Illinois, *Children's Protection Project Paralegal*, 2018–2019

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Oxford Reports on International Law (ORIL), United Nations Treaty Body Reporter, 2026–present

EUI Working Group on Human and Fundamental Rights, Co-coordinator, 2026–present

European Journal of International Law (EJIL), Assistant Editor, 2025–2026

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

“Gender Perspective(s): Using International Human Rights Law to Defend Against Pregnancy-related Prosecutions,” *Northwestern Journal of Human Rights* (forthcoming 2026)

“A Dark Cloud: No Space for Freedom of Expression in Mirziyoyev’s Uzbekistan” (June 2025) (external-facing report with Uzbek Forum for Human Rights)

“Civil Registration and Human Rights in Mauritania: A Focus on the Haratin Community” (2024) (external-facing report with Sahel Foundation for Human Rights)

“Building Strategies and Tools to Address Gender-based Violence in the SheLeads Program in Kisumu, Kenya” (2023) (white paper with *Northwestern Access to Health Project*)

SELECTED SYMPOSIA AND PRESENTATIONS

Discussant, “Gender Equality, the Digital Space and the Age of Artificial Intelligence,” with Prof. Dorothy Estrada-Tanck, UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls, European University Institute (June 2026)

Discussant, “Why We Need to Unravel the Relationship Between Women’s Equality and Justification to Understand the Other Half of the Story, Book Talk with Meghan Campbell,” European University Institute (February 2026)

Symposium Panelist, “Human Rights and the Criminalization of Pregnancy,” Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (February 2025)

Guest Lecturer, “The Master’s Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master’s House: Lessons from Community-based Lawyering to Combat Descent-based Slavery in Mauritania,” Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, International Human Rights Law Colloquium (January 2024)

BAR ADMISSION

United States (Illinois, active since 2022)

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker); Polish (mother tongue); Russian (fluent C1); Spanish (intermediate B1); German (A2)
